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TAGS: PROP, UR, US  
SUBJECT: PRAVDA CRITICIZES PRESIDENT

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. BRIEF BUT NASTY WASHINGTON  
DATELINED TASS ARTICLE IN PRAVDA AUG. 18 ENTITLED  
"GLOBAL ESPIONAGE" REPORTS PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO  
THE CIA. ARTICLE STATES PRESIDENT ASSIGNED HIS  
CIA AUDIENCE THE TASK OF "ORGANIZING A GLOBAL SYSTEM  
OF ESPIONAGE FIRST OF ALL DIRECTED AGAINST THE USSR  
AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." PRESIDENT IS CITED  
AS STATING THAT THE SPHERE OF CIA ACTIVITY WILL  
FURTHER WIDEN TO EMBRACE THE WHOLE WORLD,  
"INCLUDING OUR CLOSEST ALLIES AND FRIENDS." END  
UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. ARTICLE'S PORTRAYAL OF  
THE PRESIDENT AS SEEKING TO DIRECT THE CIA PRIMARILY  
AGAINST THE USSR DEPARTS FROM THE USUAL SOVIET  
PROPAGANDA LINE DEPICTING PRESIDENT AS SUCCUMBING  
TO PRESSURE FROM ENEMIES OF DETENTE. THE NATURE  
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OF THE OCCASION MAY HAVE INFLUENCED THIS HARSH  
CRITICISM OF THE PRESIDENT. WE WILL BE WATCHING  
TO SEE WHETHER SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS HAVE RECEIVED  
NEW GUIDELINES ON TREATING THE PRESIDENT. TOON

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